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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MONTANA PBS AND MONTANA PUBLIC RADIO HOLD LIVE GUBERNATORIAL FORUM**

#### **MISSOULA-**

Who will deal with Montana's multi-million dollar deficit? Can the state develop its natural resources and still protect Montana's environment? Will a Democrat or Republican lead Montana for the next four years?

Montana voters have the chance to make up their minds when the candidates answer questions about these and other issues during a live forum broadcast from the State Capitol in **Helena** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, on Montana PBS and Montana Public Radio.

The forum is hosted by Montana PBS, in cooperation with The University of Montana President's Advisory Council and the Inter-Departmental Coordinating Committee for Women. Two Democratic and four Republican candidates for governor will participate in the 90-minute forum.

The two Democrats, Brian Schweitzer and John Vincent, will field questions during the first half-hour, and the Republicans, Ken Miller, Bob Brown, Pat Davison and Tom Keating, will answer the same questions during the last hour.

The event features a panel of two journalists, Mike Dennison, Great Falls Tribune capitol bureau chief, and Kirk Siegler, Montana Public Radio capitol bureau. The President's

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Advisory Council will submit a question for the candidates, as will an ICCW representative.

Montana PBS Public Affairs Producer Anna Rau will be the moderator.

Montana PBS is a service of UM and Montana State University in **Bozeman**. The station airs on KUFM-TV channel 11 in **Missoula**, KUSM-TV channel 9 in Bozeman, and Bresnan Communications cable and Dish Network satellite stations across the state.

Montana Public Radio is a service of UM. It airs on 89.1 FM in Missoula, 89.9 FM in **Kalispell** and **Great Falls**, 91.3 FM in **Butte**, 91.7 FM in **Helena**, **Whitefish** and **Dillon** and 91.9 FM in **Hamilton**.

For more information, call Rau at 243-4250.

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